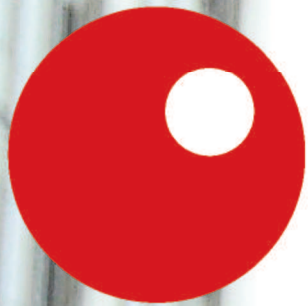


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World's billionaires explain push to donate large chunk of fortunes

Reuters

A total of 40 U.S. billionaires have pledged to give away at least 50 percent of their wealth as part of a campaign by investor Warren Buffett and Microsoft founder Bill Gates.

Gates and Buffett launched "The Giving Pledge" in June to convince hundreds of U.S. billionaires to give away most of their fortunes during their lifetimes or after their deaths and to publicly state their intention with a letter of explanation.

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Money can buy you happiness, when you're 5

My 5-year-old is developing an interest in money, and—at the risk of being labeled a socialist by Glenn Beck—I'm not finding it enjoyable.

He now has \$1.18 in his possession, but at his wealthiest he was carrying around \$2.42. An on-clearance toy car whose main feature, touted on the packaging, was that it “breaks upon sight!” wiped out half his savings.

My son earns his money by declaring that any coins on the floor in our home belong to him. In most homes, that probably wouldn't be a livable wage for a 5-year-old. But every night after work when I take off my pants in the living room, the 3 pounds of change I've amassed during the day come pouring out. And I don't care for bending.

So what's there to be upset about? A red-blooded American kid is supposed to have a piggy bank and learn the importance of saving or, short of that, borrowing from China.

But as the value of money becomes clearer to him, the nice illusion that everything he gets requires no exchange of something in return will disappear. It won't be my son's first lesson in the unfairness of things (that happened when I told him he's genetically predisposed to having back hair by age 12), but it'll still be one of the biggest.

My wife and I aren't helping. Last weekend, the three of us were in a kids T-shirt store—a store with an array of colorful, unique T-shirts. And then they had the ones on sale.

“You can get one of THOSE,” my wife and I said in something close to unison.

Hearing myself tell my son that \$18 was too much for a kids T-shirt (which it is) sent me back to junior high. After 11 years of not knowing what a brand name was, my first real lesson at my new school was that it was “essential” to own a Ralph Lauren Polo shirt.

So my mother took me to Calvert's. Calvert's claim to fame was a giant bin of polos for dirt-cheap prices, each of which had the little horse and polo player sewn somewhere other than on the left side of the chest.

Right now, everything about money for my son is the opposite of what it is for most people: fun.

“Look at all my moneys!” he says.

“You mean, ‘Look at all my money,’” I say.

“No, Daddy, I do mean ‘monies.’ People who understand finance can employ the plural.”

So, OK, he didn't say that last line. Heck, he doesn't understand the difference between a dime and a penny.

If you're going to be into money, it's a nice stage, I suppose, to be at. But it won't be long before he learns money doesn't grow in rugs.

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Andy Thayer (center) of the Gay Liberation Network, marches through downtown Chicago with other gay rights supporters Wednesday after a federal judge struck down Proposition 8. CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE



NATIONAL REACTION

A federal judge in San Francisco on Wednesday struck down California's ban on gay marriage, which was approved by voters in November 2008 and upheld by the state Supreme Court in May 2009. The following are a few reactions to the ruling by U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker. **REUTERS**



The White House statement:

"The President has spoken out in opposition to Proposition 8 because it is divisive and discriminatory. He will continue to promote equality for LGBT Americans."



LANDMARK CASE

FEDERAL JUDGE STRIKES DOWN THE CALIFORNIA GAY MARRIAGE BAN, SETTING OFF REACTIONS IN CHICAGO AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY

L.A. Times

A federal judge declared California's ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional Wednesday, saying that no legitimate state interest justified treating gay and lesbian couples differently from others and that "moral disapproval" was not enough to save the voter-passed Proposition 8.

California "has no interest in differentiating between same-sex and opposite-sex unions," U.S. District Chief Judge Vaughn R. Walker said in his 136-page ruling. The ruling was the first in the country to strike down a marriage ban on federal constitutional grounds. Previous cases have cited state constitutions.

It touched off celebrations nationwide, including in Chicago. About 200 supporters of gay equality rallied at Daley Plaza and moved on to Millennium Park.

Gay rights activists at Daley Plaza said they realized the results of their decades-old struggle for equal rights as they celebrated a federal judge's decision to overturn California's gay-marriage ban.

"Looking back, I think I appreciate it a little bit more than some younger people who may not realize how far we've come," said Jerry Pritikin, 73.

Organizers from Join the Impact Chicago coordinated with another LGBT organization to facilitate the gathering.

Lindsey Dietzler, 27, a member of Join the Impact, said Wednesday's ruling in California gives the nationwide equal marriage movement momentum.

Join the Impact started here after California voters passed the ban known as Proposition 8 in 2008, said Dietzler, who lives on the North Side.

Lawyers on both sides expect the ruling to be appealed and ultimately reach the U.S. Supreme Court during the next few years.

It is unclear whether California will conduct any same-sex weddings during that time. Walker stayed his ruling at least until Friday,

when he will hold another hearing.

In striking down Proposition 8, Walker said the ban violated the federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection and of due process.

Previous court decisions have established that the ability to marry is a fundamental right that cannot be denied to people without a compelling rationale, Walker said. Proposition 8 violated that right and discriminated on the basis of both sex and sexual orientation in violation of the equal protection clause, he ruled.

The jurist, a Republican appointee, cited extensive evidence from the trial to support his finding that there was not a rational basis for excluding gays and lesbians from marriage. In particular, he rejected the argument advanced by supporters of Proposition 8 that children of opposite-sex couples fare better than children of same-sex couples, saying that expert testimony in the trial provided no support for that argument.

"The evidence shows conclusively that moral and religious views form the only basis for a belief that same-sex couples are different from opposite-sex couples," Walker wrote.

Andy Pugno, a lawyer for the backers of the ballot measure, said he believed Walker would be overturned on appeal.

Walker's "invalidation of the votes of over 7 million Californians violates binding legal precedent and short-circuits the democratic process," Pugno said.

He called it "disturbing that the trial court, in order to strike down Prop. 8, has literally accused the majority of California voters of having ill and discriminatory intent when casting their votes for Prop. 8."

An estimated 18,000 same-sex couples married in California during the months it was legal, and the state continues to recognize those marriages.

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PROPOSITION 8: THE LONG ROAD TO THE SUPREME COURT

Q: What happens next?

A: The losing side hoped the judge would immediately issue a stay to stop the ruling from going into effect until appeals are filed. The judge did just that by granting an immediate stay on the ruling.

Supporters of the voter-approved referendum measure in particular were concerned that if they lost, same-sex marriages could be performed before the judge rules on the stay request, which could take several weeks.

The next step will be for the losing side to an appeal with the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco, asking it to essentially decide whether the judge's ruling was proper.

The appeals court has no deadline in which to decide the constitutional questions, so the waiting game could drag on for months.

Q: How does it get to the Supreme Court?

A: After the 9th Circuit court rules, lawyers have the option of asking the Supreme Court to intervene, likely the next step instead of another step that involves an appeals-court panel.

The nine justices on the Supreme Court, unlike lower courts, have the discretion to deny hearing the case.

If the case is accepted, as would be expected, both sides will file a series of written briefs, oral arguments would be held, and then a written ruling is issued. The high court usually releases its rulings by June of the annual term that begins in October, within a few months at most of hearing a case.

Q: How long will it take to get there, given that this is a landmark case?

A: Depending on how long it takes the appeals court to decide how quickly to hear the case and then to decide the constitutional questions, it could be a year or two before the case reaches the Supreme Court. **CNN**



California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger:

"For the hundreds of thousands of Californians in gay and lesbian households who are managing their day-to-day lives, this decision affirms the full legal protections and safeguards I believe everyone deserves."

Tony Perkins, president of the Washington-based Family Research Council, a conservative Christian lobby group:

"[The ruling has] almost left me speechless. ... This has now become a national case. Using the courts to inject this radical social policy solves nothing and it only inflames the political passion of people, and so I think this is far from over."

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7 puppies on O'Hare-bound flight die

The mysterious death this week of seven puppies shortly after landing on a plane in Chicago has rattled the nerves of animal lovers.

On Wednesday, investigators were looking at factors ranging from heat stroke to carbon monoxide poisoning to pre-existing health problems in connection with a shipment of 14 puppies inside the cargo hold of an American Airlines MD-80 plane from Tulsa, Okla., to O'Hare on Tuesday.

The dogs, which were sent by an unidentified commercial dog-breeding operation in Oklahoma, were to make connections at O'Hare to flights that would take them to pet stores in other states. Only seven of the 14 dogs were deemed "airworthy," and they were placed on the second flight, American spokeswoman Mary Frances Fagan said.

Five puppies died at O'Hare, and two expired either while being taken to veterinarians or after arriving at clinics, Fagan said. **TRIBUNE**



Part of a plane burst into flames while landing at O'Hare on Wednesday. **STACEY WESCOTT/TRIBUNE**

Plane evacuated on O'Hare runway

3 people slightly hurt; brake assembly fire extinguished

Chicago Tribune

Three people were being treated for minor injuries after passengers were evacuated from a United Airlines jet at O'Hare on Wednesday afternoon as fire crews extinguished a small fire in the aircraft's brake assembly.

Emergency slides were deployed from United Flight 949 from London's Heathrow Airport and passengers were escorted to the terminal, said company spokesman Mike Trevino. There were 178 passengers and 12 crew members on the Boeing 767, he said.

Three people were slightly hurt as they exited the plane, said Larry Langford, a Chicago Fire Department spokesman. He said two of the victims, both women, suffered ankle injuries and a man complained of chest discomfort.

All three were taken in good condition to Resurrection Medical Center.

He added that all but 20 people aboard needed to be evacuated. He said the tires were inflated and the plane was being towed.

The plane had been scheduled to arrive about 3:19 p.m., but landed closer to 4 p.m.

Langford said emergency evacuations were halted after firefighters quickly extinguished the fire.

Mona Southworth, 56, of Grand Ledge, Mich., who was sitting at Gate C28 waiting for a delayed flight to Anaheim, Calif., because of weather, saw people outside the terminal and saw five buses take them away about 4:30 p.m.

"There were about 100 people standing out on the tarmac," Southworth said.

Five ambulances were sent to the scene as a standard precaution for airplane emergencies in Chicago.

Feds: Streeterville resident tried to aid terrorists

A Chicago resident and American citizen is accused in a federal complaint of trying to aid two terrorist organizations, including al-Qaida.

Shaker Masri, 26, of Streeterville, is charged with attempting to provide material support and resources to both al-Qaida and al-Shabaab for jihadist activities in the Middle East. Masari wanted to raise money to finance a trip to fight along-

side one or both of the groups, according to prosecutors.

Masri appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Geraldine Soat Brown this morning, dressed in an orange jumpsuit and blue canvas sneakers.

Masri was ordered held in detention because he was a "flight risk and danger to the community," Asst. U.S. Atty. Joel Hammerman said during the hearing. **TRIBUNE**

HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

West Pullman has seen three homicides in the past week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

On Sunday, a 20-year-old man was shot to death in the 12400 block of South Eggleston Avenue, police said.

On Friday, a 26-year-old man was shot to death in the 11700 block of South Peoria Avenue, two days after a 13-year-old boy was fatally shot in the 11500 block of South Perry Avenue, officials said.

West Pullman has recorded 10 homicides this year, RedEye found.

Meanwhile, Avalon Park and West Englewood each saw two homicides in the past week.

In West Englewood, a 70-year-old man was stabbed to death Tuesday in the 7000 block of South Hermitage Avenue, police said. On Saturday, a 2-year-old West Englewood girl died from head trauma, and the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office ruled the case a homicide.

In Avalon Park, two 22-year-old men were shot to death in the Sunday in the 8400 block of South Euclid Avenue, police said.

Citywide, fatal shootings also occurred in Austin, Englewood, Portage Park and Uptown in the past week, RedEye determined.

July ended last week with 41 homicides, down from 58 homicides in July 2009, RedEye found.

Five homicides have been recorded so far in August, RedEye determined. Police recorded 51 homicides in August last year, RedEye found. **TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM**

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Cause: Gunshot

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Cause: Gunshot

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Cause: Trauma

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Date: Aug. 1
Victim: 1
Cause: Gunshot

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Daley speech fixes sights on the future

Chicago Tribune

Mayor Daley sounded like a politician who's going to run for re-election as he delivered his annual State of the City speech, said several aldermen who heard it Wednesday.

Throughout the 40-minute talk, Daley touched on future improvements he thinks are important for Chicago's success in areas of job growth and education.

"Everything he said had future goals attached to it," said Ald. Latasha Thomas (17th). "He sounded like he at least wanted to get that started."

Ald. Daniel Solis (25th) said he expects Daley to run again to see such long-term plans come to fruition.

"If those are going to get implemented, he's the person to do it," Solis said.

Daley has not said whether he will run for a record seventh term in February, though he's expected to be on the ballot.

During his speech, Daley said he cannot rule out cutting services "permanently or for a year or two" in a bid to balance next year's budget, but said he would do so only as a last resort.

Daley also announced a privately funded program aimed at bringing more jobs to Chicago.

The mayor said the Chicago Growth Accelerator will be aimed at bringing businesses focused on technology, bio-sciences, alternative energy and manufacturing to town. Funds will be available through the accelerator program to pay for recruitment and job growth, according to a statement.

Daley also announced the launch of a city loan program for small businesses.

Daley told a hotel ballroom packed with aldermen and city department heads that more needs to be done to fight violence, his voice cracking as he said he shares the pain of those who have lost loved ones.

The first round of applause from the crowd came when Daley touted recent deals to bring Wal-Mart stores to the Pullman and Chatham neighborhoods.

Judge in Blago case holds special hearing

The judge in Rod Blagojevich's corruption case held a session Wednesday to lay out what would happen if he is found guilty. In that event, the jury will decide what assets the former governor would forfeit as part of his punishment.

Man free after DNA evidence clears him

A judge on Wednesday dismissed charges that 39-year-old Jerry Hobbs fatally stabbed his 8-year-old daughter and her 9-year-old friend five years ago after new DNA evidence linked another man to the crime. Hobbs had been in custody since 2005.

Fundraiser charged with stealing

A former fundraising coordinator at St. Pascal's School in Portage Park was charged Wednesday with stealing almost \$52,000 that was supposed to lower tuition costs for underprivileged children, authorities said. **TRIBUNE**



President Obama is greeted upon his arrival on Air Force One at O'Hare on Wednesday. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/TRIBUNE**

Happy birthday, Mr. President

Chicago Tribune

A sightseeing bus, a trolley and three people on a bike tour were among the first Wednesday afternoon to swing by a blocked-off corner near President Obama's Kenwood home.

But mostly the streets were bare—aside from police and the media—as Obama arrived in his hometown to celebrate his 49th birthday.

After waving to a small crowd at Andrews Air Force Base, Obama boarded Air Force One about 4 p.m.

Obama landed at O'Hare at 4:58 p.m. local time and was

greeted by Mayor Daley, Gov. Pat Quinn and other political dignitaries. After the greetings, Obama and Daley boarded Marine One to travel downtown, departing about 5:15 p.m.

After Marine One landed, the president's motorcade reached his house about 5:43 p.m.

On Air Force One, Press Secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters that Obama received a birthday phone call from his wife, Michelle, and their daughter Sasha, 9, who are in Spain, and from the couple's daughter Malia, 12, who is away at camp.

Wi-Fi zone making its way to Wrigleyville

Chicago Tribune

AT&T is launching a Wi-Fi "hot zone" in Wrigleyville as part of a pilot program that seeks to supplement the company's beleaguered broadband network.

This will be the third Wi-Fi zone set up by the company, which is setting up the zones in areas with the highest traffic and mobile data use. The first pilot was launched in New York City's Times Square in May and was followed by a hot zone in downtown Charlotte, N.C.

AT&T has been seeking ways to curb high usage by data-hogging iPhone users. Ralph de la Vega, chief executive of AT&T Mobility and Consumer Markets, has said that 3 percent of iPhone users account for 40 percent of traffic.

Until June, the company was charging all of its smart-phone customers \$30 a month for unlimited data usage but the unlimited data option has been eliminated for new subscribers. Customers had complained of poor coverage, particularly at high-traffic times and in populated areas.

The new Wi-Fi hot zone provides coverage along the streets and outdoor area of Wrigleyville, to the south, east and west sides of Wrigley Field.

AT&T said its Wi-Fi service has grown "tremendously" in popularity. In the second quarter of 2010, AT&T handled 68.1 million Wi-Fi connections on its network, compared with 15 million in the same quarter last year. There are more than 20,000 Wi-Fi hot spots nationwide on the AT&T network.



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Supermodel to testify

1 A judge in the war crimes trial of former Liberian President Charles Taylor has decided that supermodel Naomi Campbell's testimony in the case will go ahead Thursday. Prosecutors say Taylor gave Campbell a diamond during the war in Sierra Leone, contradicting Taylor's testimony that he never handled the precious stones that fueled the conflict.

Police probe NBA star's death

2 Police investigating the shooting death of former NBA player Lorenzen Wright have searched the Collierville, Tenn., home of his ex-wife, authorities confirmed Wednesday. Meanwhile, a public memorial service for Wright was held Wednesday afternoon at the FedExForum in Memphis.

Writer denied military access

3 The Rolling Stone magazine journalist whose article about Gen. Stanley McChrystal helped end the Afghanistan commander's career has been denied permission to embed with a military unit in Afghanistan, a Pentagon spokesman said Wednesday.

Feds enter BlackBerry flap

4 The U.S. is aware that nations including India, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia are considering bans on BlackBerry service and is discussing the matter with their governments, State Department spokesman Philip J. Crowley said Wednesday.

Va. sets immigration policy

5 Virginia police officers can question stopped motorists about their immigration status, the state's attorney general said Monday, adding fuel to a contentious debate over states' immigration policies in the wake of a controversial law enacted in Arizona.

Oregon blaze spreads

6 A raging wildfire north of Bend, Ore., nearly doubled in size Wednesday, consuming 4,200 acres. Fire officials asked residents of about 30 homes to evacuate Monday, and 70 homes were on standby, said Lisa Clark, spokeswoman for the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center.



Ships work near the site of the BP oil spill Tuesday in the Gulf of Mexico.

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PHASE II FOR GULF

Confidence rises that leak contained as heavy mud pumped into well

7 WASHINGTON BP's long and halting effort to bring an end to the Gulf of Mexico disaster crossed a key threshold Wednesday when the company packed its ruptured well full of heavy drilling mud, wresting control more than three months after the blowout unleashed one of the world's largest oil spills.

But officials were not ready to declare dead the renegade offshore well, and many in the gulf region were not about to celebrate.

"We have reached a static condition in the well that allows us to have high confidence that there will be no oil leaking into the environment," retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point

man on the spill, said at a White House news briefing.

Later Wednesday, Allen gave BP the go-ahead to pump cement into the well through the top. But he continued to emphasize that the battle to permanently seal the well would not be over until one of two relief wells has bored into it sometime in mid-August.

"Based on the successful completion of the static-kill procedure and a positive evaluation of the test results, I have authorized BP to cement its damaged well," Allen said in a statement. "I made it clear that implementation of this procedure shall in no way delay the completion of the relief well."

BP CUTS GAS PRICES

In an effort to help struggling gas stations and appease furious consumers following the Gulf disaster, BP is lowering its gasoline prices. Whether the discounts will translate to lower prices for drivers is up to individual station owners.

Wednesday's achievement came as the government released a report indicating that about half the oil released during the disaster has evaporated, dissolved or was burned, skimmed or collected.

At the White House, officials hailed what they called a "consequential day," but cautioned that it was the end of one phase in a decades-long recovery effort.



THE COLOR

red Men wanting to catch the eye of women should dress in red, a color that new research shows makes them more alluring to the opposite sex. Women in the U.S., England, Germany and China said they found men pictured wearing red, or framed in red, more sexually attractive than in other colors, the research published in the Journal of Experimental Psychology showed.

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MEET SYLVIA

- » **Age:** 24
- » **College:** Louisiana State University
- » **Nickname:** Big Syl

DEEP DISH OR THIN CRUST:

"Thin crust. Chicago deep dish is just too much bread for me."

SOX OR CUBS:

"I don't know a thing about baseball. I guess I'd go with the Cubs because I sang the seventh-inning stretch when I first came here."

HANGOUT:

"I don't go out much, but I like Millennium Park and going there to relax."

RESTAURANT:

"I'm a big cook and I don't like to eat out much. If I had to choose, it'd definitely be Sushi Samba. I like sushi."



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FOWLES' BALL

SKY CENTER EMERGES AS A SUPERSTAR AS TEAM FIGHTS FOR FIRST PLAYOFF BERTH

By Ryan Smith

FOR REDEYE

Sky center Sylvia Fowles isn't your typical basketball star.

She prefers life out of the spotlight, doesn't necessarily embrace being the center of attention and intentionally avoids highlight-reel dunks.

But considering what she's accomplished on the court for the gold-medal-winning U.S. Olympic team and the Sky this year, Fowles is a bona fide superstar—whether she likes it or not.

After two seasons slowed by injuries and fighting for minutes, the 24-year-old center has emerged as a dominating force for the success-starved Sky. She is averaging 18.4 points and 9.9 rebounds, leads the league in blocks and has racked up a few monster games lately, including a stat-stuffing 35-point, eight-rebound game Sunday at Phoenix, despite seeing double- and triple-teams from many opponents.

"This is the season we sort of expected her to have right from the beginning," Sky coach Steven Key said. "We were a bit unlucky, and she was a bit unlucky with the two injuries that she had her first two seasons. Now we can see what she can do, and she's the biggest, baddest thing around."

She might be the biggest and baddest, but you won't get her to make that claim.

"I just never was that person who wanted to be the focal point or in the spotlight," Fowles said. "That's just my personality. I'm very mellow and quiet."

Fowles established herself as one of the WNBA's best by earning MVP honors in a 23-point, eight-rebound performance for Team USA against the WNBA All-Stars on July 10.

"We're proud of her All-Star performance," Sky guard Erin Thorn said. "She wanted to prove she's the best in the world in the post, and I think she did that. She's killing it this season."

With Fowles leading the way, the Sky are 12-15 and have an outside chance to go to the playoffs.

"It would be great," Fowles said. "I never got the chance to



THE ANTI-LEBRON

Basketball fans still sour from the sordid story of a wayward Midwestern kid who sold his soul to South Beach might instead find inspiration from Sylvia Fowles, who's blazed the opposite path.

She's a Miami-born lady who made her way to Chicago and has quietly, almost bashfully, emerged among the best in the WNBA.

From her shy demeanor right down to her goofy nicknames, Fowles just might be the Anti-LeBron.

LeBron James is the "King," while Fowles is known as "Big Syl" or "Sugar Lips"—a nickname she got because her next-door neighbor once caught her sneaking a kiss with a fellow third-grade boy ("My mom still calls me Sugar Lips," Fowles said).

Then there's the choice of interview conditions. In contrast to James' hourlong national TV special, Fowles talked with RedEye in a sweaty practice facility interrupted occasionally by a janitor dragging a mop bucket across the floor. **R.S.**

win a championship in college, so it would be a great way to top my career to win one here."

Fowles has had to dominate games partially out of necessity. Forward Shemeka Christon is out with an injury. And in the offseason the team lost All-Star Candace Dupree, who demanded a trade because she was growing impatient waiting for the Sky to earn the first playoff berth in franchise history.

It was a move about which Fowles has mixed emotions.

"My biggest thing is that I want her to be happy, and if leaving made her happy, I'm all for it," Fowles said. "At the same time, it was like, ugh, because I look up to her and she was the go-to person, and I was kind of in the back."

The background is Fowles' natural habitat and part of the reason she chooses to forego the ultimate "look-at-me" move, the slam dunk, despite standing 6-foot-6 and possessing rare jumping ability.

"I've been dunking since seventh grade, and it's easy to me," Fowles said. "To me it's just another two points, you know?"

Her last dunk was at last year's WNBA All-Star game, and she has yet to dunk in a Sky game, despite pleas from fans and occasionally from her teammates.

"A lot of my teammates are like 'Oh, if I only had your ability and your height,

I'd be dunking over people all the time,'" Fowles said. "But part of it is me not wanting to be that focal point."

Fowles hears the "too nice" label often, "but the more I hear it, the more I dominate. It's more of a comfort zone and stepping out of that comfort zone," she said.

Off the court, however, Fowles is completely comfortable being in chill mode all the time. Her hobbies include drawing, cooking and knitting.

"I have an old soul," Fowles said. "I don't go out much. I'm the party pooper—just ask anyone on the team. I'm just that way."

RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



Sylvia Fowles goes up for a dunk during the 2009 WNBA All-Star Game. **GETTYIMAGESFILE**

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1 When Brett Favre says he's retiring, he really means he'll be in the bedroom with a bottle of Champagne and his iPhone.	... he'll see you at tomorrow's press conference about his return.	... he's sending cell phone shots of his wiener to bimbos.	... he's holding out until the Vikings change to purple pants—those white unis are awful on "old man butt."	... the sky is falling.
2 What retirement advice would Lou Piniella have for Favre?	"Son, whatever you do, don't end up in Chicago."	"Eat fewer than five ice cream sandwiches per day. Um, so I've heard."	"If you really, really want to quit for good, try managing the Cubs."	"Steal as many logo'd tees, shoes, staplers and coffee mugs you can. This eBay thing is great!"	"There's a job opening at Wrigley Field."
3 Why is Jay Cutler looking in Johnny Knox's direction so often?	Cutler thinks he's actually a defensive back.	Johnny still hasn't responded to the Evite for Jay's birthday party.	He thought he was a Packers defensive back.	It's like hitting on a "6" when the bar's about to close—he has only so many options.	Knox can fly.
4 Who is Igor Makarov?	It's Glenn Beck's porn name.	The guy who wanted Angelina Jolie dead in "Salt."	That's Russian for, "Thanks for nothing, Dale Tallon."	Google says he's a Hawks signee, but Facebook says he's a Russian spy. Whom to trust ...	Shrek's Russian uncle.
5 Mark Prior's on the comeback trail again. How far will he get?	No farther than he can throw a fastball.	If he succeeds, hopefully back to the Cubs. If not, anywhere else.	As far as the Independent League DL, which doubles as the concession stand.	Three-fourths of the way through the remaining tendon in his right shoulder.	I heard the "Real Housewives of Orange County" are going to a game.

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New kid on the Sox

Pitcher Chris Sale gets call-up, and Ozzie Guillen has 'big' plans for him

Carrying the light blue supply backpack is just one of several duties Chris Sale will perform as the newest member of the White Sox bullpen.

But manager Ozzie Guillen didn't shy away from his plans for the Sox's first-round pick in the June amateur draft, who was promoted less than two months after signing a \$1.656 million bonus.

"Big role," Guillen said of Sale, who was promoted late Tuesday night from Triple-A

Charlotte. "Obviously we know and we're aware this kid came from college [Florida Gulf Coast University]. We got a lot of innings on him so far.

"The first time I see this guy on tape, I asked Kenny [Williams], 'Why don't we have him here tomorrow?' Obviously, I'm very ignorant about the situation because he hadn't pitched for a month. A lot of innings with him. We sent him to the minor leagues to get his stuff together. I like what I see on tape. He's got a lot of guts. If this kid throws strikes, he should be fine. I'm very excited to have him. Like I told you guys in the past, I'm not afraid to manage kids."

Sale took some good natured ribbing from his teammates about his lack of time in the minors but appeared ready for his amazing challenge, especially making the transition from college starter to major-league reliever.

"It took a few times, but I like it," Sale said of the move. "It's right when you're in the game; it's instant adrenaline. And I like coming out of the pen. It was fun." Sale also knows the Sox are in the midst of a pennant race and not in the developmental stage with him.

"It's not like we're 10 games out or 10 ahead," Sale said. "So when I get into a game, it's the real deal. I'll have to perform well and help this team win."



"I think he's been pretty remarkable so far. He's everything that I had hoped that he would be, absolutely."

—Bears offensive coordinator Mike Martz on Jay Cutler (left).

CUBS 15, MILWAUKEE 3

The Cubs came into Wednesday's game with a season-high seven-game losing streak, and their pitchers posted a 9.47 earned-run average in the span. They managed to end the streak and avoid the sweep with a 15-3 win over the Brewers. Starlin Castro had four hits.

» The Blackhawks have signed five players to one-year contracts, the team announced Wednesday. The players—forwards Evan Brophey, Nathan Davis and Hugh Jessiman, defenseman Jassen Cullimore and goaltender Hannu Toivonen—all played in the minor leagues last season.

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First sips

The newest hangouts around town, from Lincoln Park to Little Italy

By Lisa Arnett

If your going-out routine is lacking inspiration, look no further than the latest crop of watering holes, inspired by everything from a family plumbing biz to the Billy Goat curse.

Racine Plumbing Bar & Grill

2642 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-871-1600

Named for the local plumbing business that owner Chris Owens' great-grandfather founded in 1892, this Lincoln Park bar and grill subtly keeps the theme going with copper railings and servers donning tool belts. The bar's blond wood-covered walls will remind you of the Pony or the Stretch, but menu items are all its own, from deep-fried Oreos (left) to a Grilled Charlie sandwich, the butter-chocolate-peanut butter-cheese creation from "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia."



The Curse

3517 N. Clark St. 773-935-6694

This Wrigleyville sports bar in the former Moxie address wants to do its part to break baseball's most legendary curses, including the Curse of the Bambino (Boston Red Sox), the Curse of the Colonel (Japan's Hanshin Tigers) and especially the Cubs' curse of the Billy Goat. The main attraction is a menu of more than a dozen sausages, including a goat-and-beef bratwurst topped with peppers and onions.

Doré Lounge

23 W. Hubbard St. 312-661-1230

Look for the black façade with a gold door to enter this late-night River North lounge named for the French word for "golden" or "gilded." Doors open at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, with bartenders

pouring twists of classic cocktails, from a black-tea manhattan to an elderflower caipirinha.

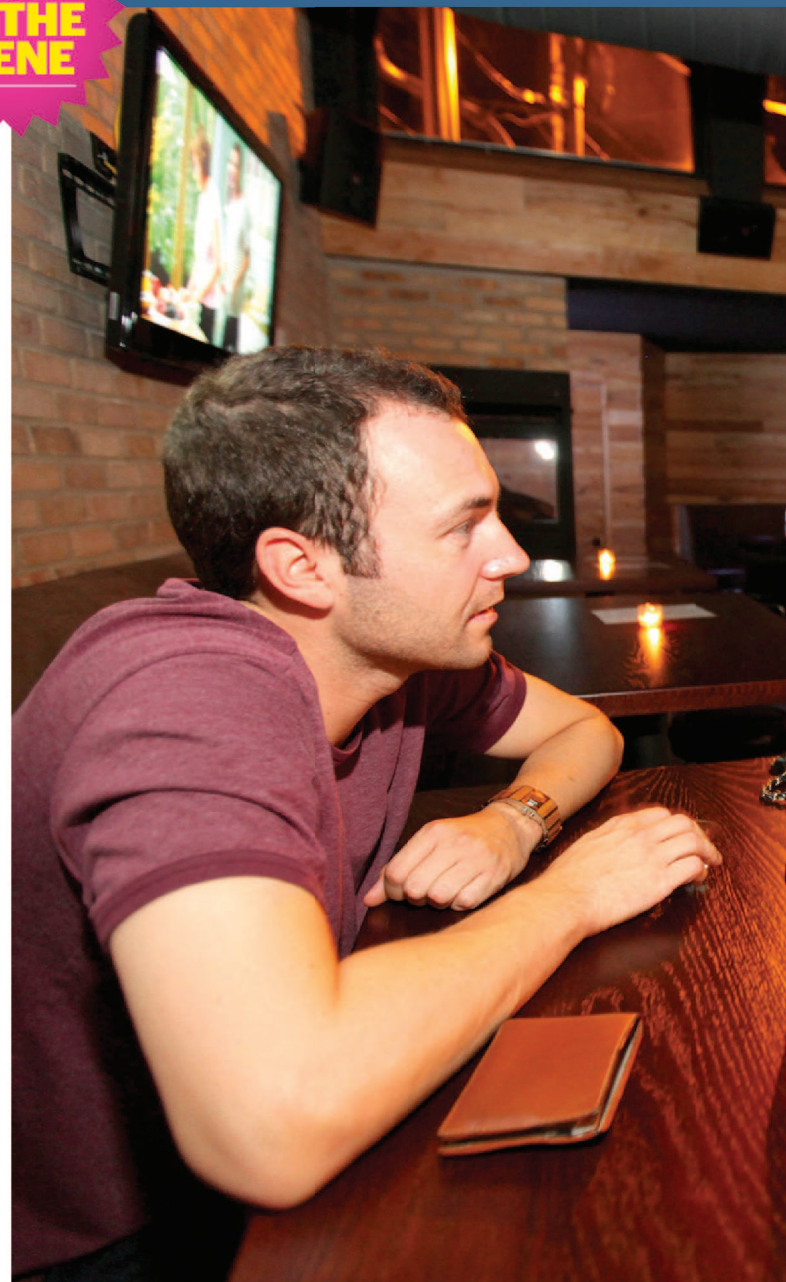
Vintage Lounge

1449 W. Taylor St. 312-526-3647

Bottle service and bumpin' DJs in Little Italy? That's what the owners tell us weekends will bring at this chameleon of a hangout, which opened Wednesday. On weeknights, the bar will cater to a more casual crowd, with a pool table, specialty burgers and shareable small plates ranging from sweet-corn arancini to filet mignon kabobs. The bar is named after the 1920s-era building, but don't expect pre-prohibition classic cocktails; specialty martinis named after Chicago neighborhoods remind us more of the 1990s.



Racine Plumbing Bar & Grill



COMING SOON

Benchmark

1510 N. Wells St. 312-649-9640

This airy Old Town bar from Four Corners Tavern Group (owners of Kirkwood, Schoolyard, et al) is gearing up to open by next weekend. Sliding doors, wide windows and an atrium-style first floor make the whole place light-filled and airy, while a retractable roof over the second-floor beer garden safeguards against chance showers. Sports fans will find TVs mounted everywhere, from the video wall above the bar to screens hidden behind mirrors in booths.

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THE TICKER

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» Old Town tavern **Declan's** (1240 N. Wells St.) has launched weekend brunch.

» **Public House** (400 N. State St.), the new beer bar from the owners of Bull & Bear, is now aiming for an October opening.

» **Sound Bar** (226 W. Ontario St.) is giving away two tickets to the Aug. 13 Black Eyed Peas concert. Visit the bar Saturday to enter.

» **Reggie's Rock Club** (2109 S. State St.) hosts former American Idol Taylor Hicks for a concert Monday.

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The Countdown

What's on deck for the months ahead

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British-inspired Lakeview public house

The Upper Deck at Sully's

The Old Town tavern opens a new rooftop bar

MID- TO LATE AUGUST

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The Latin-inspired Wrigleyville bar gains a River North sib

SEPTEMBER

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Domonique Brown
24, bartender

What are you drinking?

I'm drinking a Miami Vice. It's half strawberry (margarita), half Coco Loco.

How do you describe your personal style?

A lot of people would refer to me as a hipster.

Do you own that or do you think it's an insult?

I own it 100 percent, everything from the curl on my head to the way I wear my glasses. It's just a more raw, unconventional, edgy look.



Vanessa Ruiz
26, art director

What does an art director do?

An art director comes up with the concepts and we get other people to execute them. For photo shoots, we come up with the idea for the set, for the whole ambience of it.

As an art director, how do you describe the decor of this place?

It's a little dark, it's a little retro. I love the neon. It's a little grungy, a little gritty.

What are you drinking?

A beergrita. It's beer mixed into a margarita. It's very refreshing.



Tara Schott
34, hairstylist

What's the best way to keep your hair looking good in the summer?

Use a smoothing gloss when it's wet and when it's dry, and to definitely keep your hair conditioned.

What's the weirdest thing anyone's asked you to do to their hair?

I had a girl ask me to make her hair fluorescent orange. She had just finished law school and she was interviewing at law firms. And [she felt that] if they wouldn't hire her for the color of her hair, then she didn't want to work for them. I did it, and I never saw the girl ever again.

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Headliners: Cathy Richardson and Jon Secada (Saturday) and Dot Dot Dot, Gina Glocksen and Joan Jett and the Blackhearts (Sunday).



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Prefer cover bands to indie rock? The 16th annual Roscoe Village party is sure to be more chill than the two weekend biggies, offering three stages of live music, food and merch vendors, a chili cook-off and antique cars. Headliners: Hairbangers Ball, Too White Crew and Sixteen Candles (Saturday) and Mike and Joe, Maggie Speaks and Wedding Banned (Sunday). Noon-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. \$5 donation. Roscoe Street from Damen to Oakley avenues. 773-665-4682.

Taylor Street Festa Italiana

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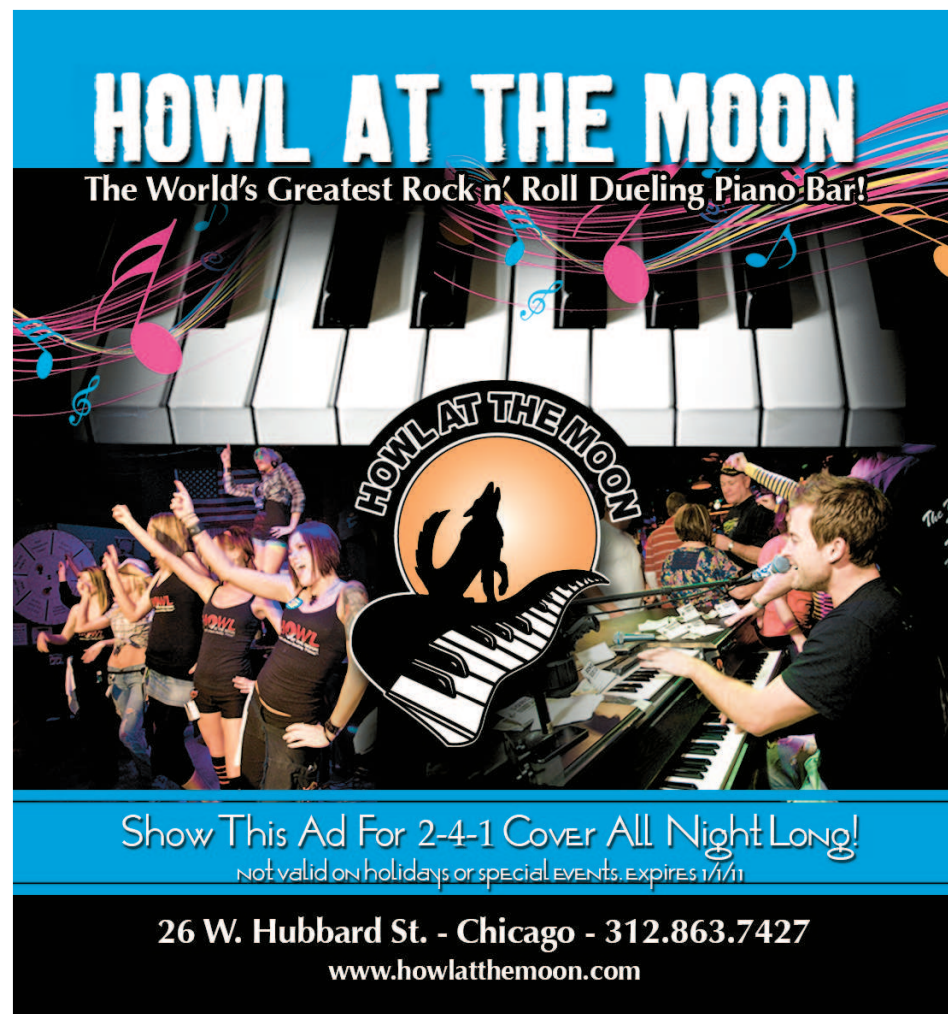


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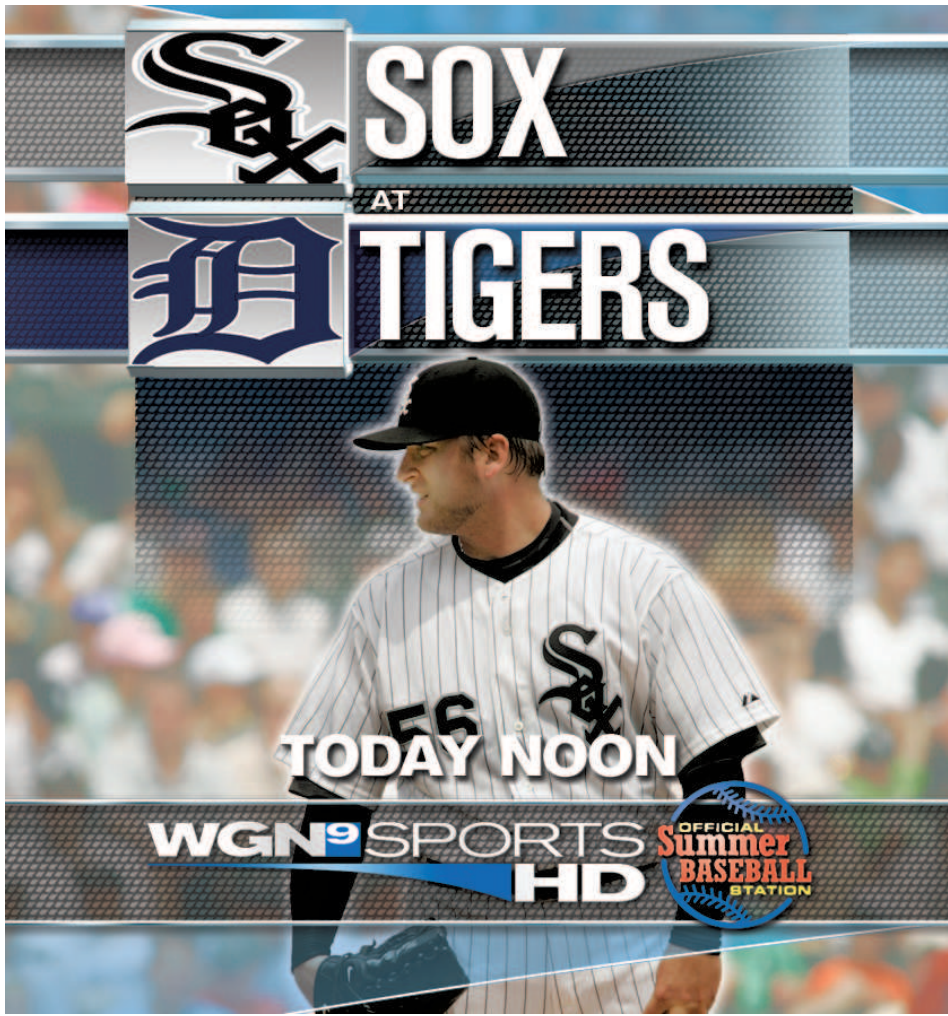
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Jeremy Keen and his Chicago band, The False Starts, answered our Chi-Tunes questionnaire in the “about” section at chicagonow.com/chi-tunes. Do the same and your band could appear in RedEye and Metromix!

What makes your live show great?

Soaring pedal steel, luscious piano, thundering bass, crashing drums and, like, guitars and stuff. Plus we sing.

Describe your sound in five words or less.

[Neil] Young meets Beatles circa 1995.

Tell us something random about the band, and why that’s significant.

Three or four members of the band have worked or currently work at churches. Many of our recordings have taken place inside churches. We would like to think that we might be on God’s iPod, or at least on a burned CD that Moses might have lent him.

Whom would you want to work with, and with whom would you never work? Why?

We would love to work with Glyn Johns, John Lennon and Jon Brion. We think we could all do “Strawberry Fields”—BETTER. We would

CHI-TUNES

Jeremy Keen and The False Starts

What: “Lock & Key” album release party

When: 9 p.m. Friday

Where: Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave.

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not like to work with David Jones, David Copperfield and David Hasselhoff, only because it would get confusing having to call every-one David all the time.

If the band were a ’90s sitcom character, whom would it be and why?

We would be Bo and Luke Duke on the reruns of “The Dukes of Hazzard” in the middle of the day with commercials for attorneys with free consultations and Eagle Man insurance—when you are home sick from school and watching TV on the couch.

Jeremy Keen and The False Starts are:

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The New Pornographers, The Dodos

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Company of Thieves, These United States

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9 p.m. \$20. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.

Devo, Dirty Projectors

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Vehicles will be on display at Al Piemonte Ford, 2500 W. North Ave. in Melrose Park. Special arrangements have been made for a record number of customers with event parking clearly marked.

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"This \$79 Super Price Cutter Sales Event will be the biggest event we've ever had," the General Manager said. "I expect over 100 customers to leave this sale with great cars at great prices."

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"King of the Beach"
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On the opening cut of "King of the Beach," Wavves mastermind Nathan Williams assumes a defensive posture, snarling, "You're never gonna stop me." It's understandable given how quickly the scuzzy garage rocker was written off following a well-publicized meltdown at Barcelona's Primavera Sound Festival in 2009 and a tuneless, amateurish performance that followed just months later at the Pitchfork Music Festival. Yet "King of the Beach" scrapes away nearly all the lo-fi noise that clung to Williams' self-titled sophomore effort like so many barnacles, revealing a more complex portrait of an artist as a young man as Williams alternates between defiance ("I'm a hero in my own mind") and self-loathing ("My own friends hate my guts"). The tunes also are better, whether Williams—backed here by the late Jay Reatard's rhythm section—is channeling the Jesus & Mary Chain on "When Will You Come" or outdoing the Black Lips on would-be slacker anthem "Take On the World."

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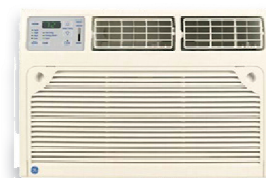
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Buress is on a roll

Hannibal Buress commands the comedy scene much the way the ancient general he is named after commanded the battlefield.

Variety magazine recently named the West Side native to its list of "Top 10 Comics to Watch." Last week, he released his first album, "My Name is Hannibal," and it's garnering positive buzz in the blogosphere. To top it all off, the "Saturday Night Live" writer now is running with some famous funnymen, including Chris Rock, who introduced himself to the comic via e-mail after watching footage of Buress' stand-up.

"He's real cool," Buress said of Rock, still sounding somewhat shocked that the two men now talk by phone and Rock has stopped by Buress' regular gig at the Knitting Factory in Brooklyn. "He gives me career advice and everything."

Pressed for a piece of that advice, Buress told RedEye that Rock—an "SNL" alum himself—suggested he try to get in front of the camera during "SNL" sketches. "He said I should try to do some 'Weekend Update' stuff," Buress said.

He's also seeking "mostly comic roles"

outside of "SNL." Asked if he would do drama, Buress said yes, but there are some roles he would refuse: drug dealers and neighborhood toughs.

"I don't think I'm even being considered for that type of stuff," Buress said. "And if I am, the people who look at that stuff for me just know better than to show it to me."

Until he makes it to the small or big screen, Buress said his hometown still can see him in action. Buress recently performed at Pitchfork, and you can catch his act at the "Gathering of the Juggalos" in Cave-in-Rock, where he will bring the funny for face-painted fans.

Buress demurred when asked if he was a juggalo—a fervent Insane Clown Posse fan—but he did say some hip-hop lovers might want to take a second look at the "Juggalos" schedule before snubbing it. Among those set to be featured alongside the Posse: Tone Loc and Spice 1.

"They've actually got some good acts," Buress said, noting that the supergroup of Redman and Methodman also will perform. "They definitely seem to have more hip-hop than Pitchfork had."

Hannibal Buress

What: Part of the 11th annual Gathering of the Juggalos
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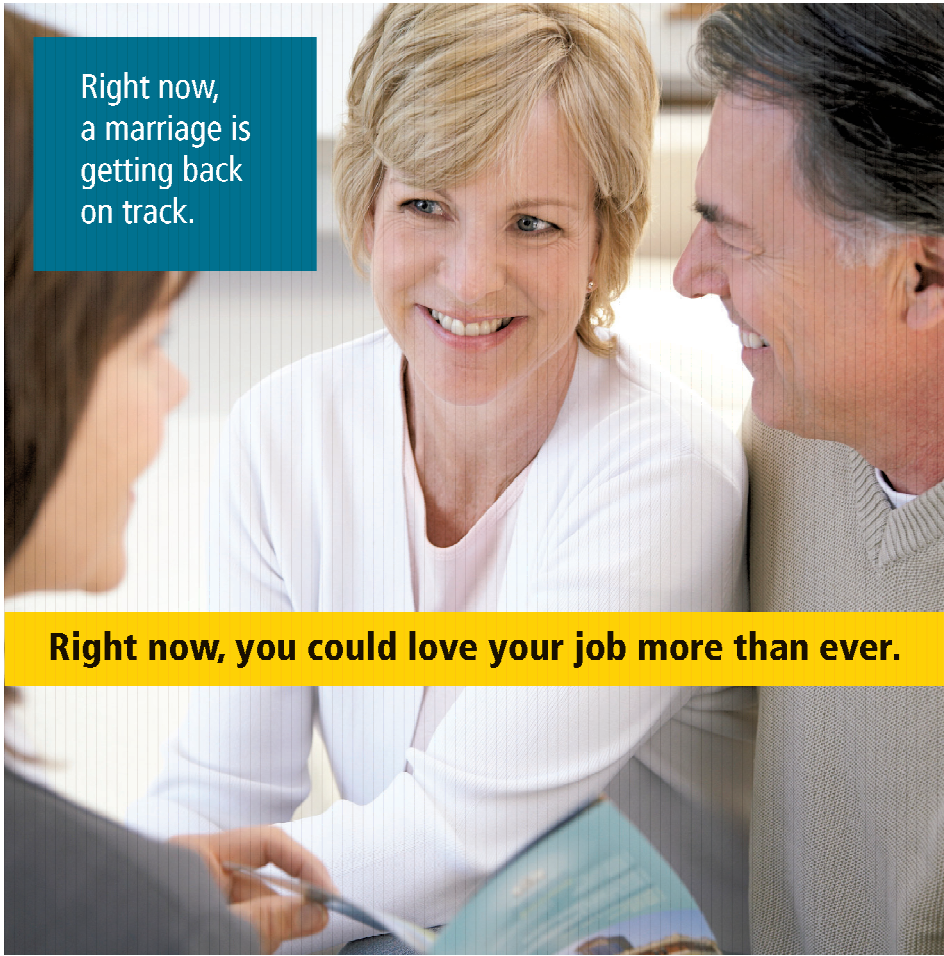
- 1 Scheme
- 5 Relative by marriage
- 10 Overflowing; abundant
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- 18 Like a camel
- 20 Pull hard
- 21 Bowling alley division
- 22 In a bashful way
- 23 Matinee _; attractive stars
- 25 Definite article
- 26 "The Blue _"; Strauss waltz
- 28 Julius of old Rome
- 31 Not sleeping
- 32 Housetops
- 34 Freeloader
- 36 Saga
- 37 Religious doctrine
- 38 _ of Capri
- 39 Feel miserable
- 40 Was too inquisitive
- 41 Go in
- 42 Wealthy business leader
- 44 Accept one's pension
- 45 Help
- 46 Cantaloupe or honeydew
- 47 Group taught by a teacher
- 50 Bowling targets
- 51 Inventor Whitney
- 54 African antelope
- 57 Pouty mood
- 58 Immoral
- 59 See eye to eye
- 60 Facial spots
- 61 Lose color
- 62 Squash or pumpkin
- 63 Abound

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- 1 Rather cocky
- 2 Island feast
- 3 At the start
- 4 2000 pounds

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- 5 Take a breath
- 6 Parts of speech
- 7 Citrus fruit
- 8 Snake of Egypt
- 9 Spider creation
- 10 Wealth
- 11 Unpleasant
- 12 Touch
- 13 Whirlpool
- 19 Sooty residue
- 21 Part of the ear
- 24 John Wayne, affectionately
- 25 Pres. William Howard
- 26 Facts & figures
- 27 Look for
- 28 Open to both genders
- 29 Self-restraint; temperance
- 30 King or queen
- 32 Harness strap
- 33 Individual
- 35 French mother
- 37 Trampled
- 38 Vanished _ thin air
- 40 Self-confidence
- 41 Morays, e.g.
- 43 Palace
- 44 Leased
- 46 Tightwad
- 47 Skilled cook
- 48 Volcano output
- 49 Dry
- 50 Lima's nation
- 52 Queue
- 53 Object
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Clothes encounters

By Emily Rosenbaum Maka | REDEYE

It's easy to feel a bit envious while watching prime-time television these days. There are so many TV characters who are hitting home runs in the sartorial department. Here's whose fictional closets I'd most like to raid, including some great-looking male characters whose style I would pilfer, were I a dude.

Joan Harris from 'Mad Men'

played by Christina Hendricks »

She puts the vroom in va-va-vroom. From her gold pen necklace to her pencil skirts to that red bow dress that had Roger Sterling swooning in the latest episode, this is one sexy 1960s woman.



Chuck Bass

from "Gossip Girl,"
played by Ed Westwick

Granted his ensembles are a bit over the top, but he has money and style and isn't afraid to take chances. This is one dapper dandy; I'd make out with him at the bar in the Palace Hotel.



Jane Bingum

from "Drop Dead Diva," played by Brooke Elliott

This lawyer is polished and professional in her suits and pumps. When she's not in court, she sports pretty dresses, blouses and skirts, often in bright colors. She's proof that curvy women can look great.



Kurt Hummel

from "Glee,"
played by Chris Colfer

I would love to be Kurt's best friend and get invited over to sort through his clothes and accessories while gossiping and giggling about boys. He always wears something creative, which is hard to pull off in Ohio.



Kalinda Sharma

from "The Good Wife,"
played by Archie Panjabi

She's an investigator at a Chicago law firm, but her clothes aren't very practical for her duties. Who cares? She looks great in those luscious, high-heeled boots and cropped, fitted leather jackets.



Aria Montgomery

from "Pretty Little Liars,"
played by Lucy Hale

All the stars of this new show have amazing wardrobes, but teen queen Aria steps it up a notch with her often-eclectic choices and vintage pieces. The Internet is abuzz with girls wanting to find her clothes.



Sam Bennett

from "Private Practice,"
played by Taye Diggs

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West's world

Kanye West, who took Twitter by storm last week, elected to follow one person, 19-year-old Steve Holmes of Coventry, England. Holmes find it all very strange. "A guy wanted me to look at his film trailer and people have been sending me links to their music demos—as if I have some sort of influence over Kanye West. The funny thing is I like his music, but I'm not his biggest fan," he told the Coventry Telegraph.



Mary J. Blige
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Have a laugh and sing a song

Carol Burnett is coming. The comic legend is set to do a guest stint on Fox's "Glee" as Lynch's Nazi-hunting mother, according to eonline.com. (There's a "Sound of Music" duet in there somewhere—we're sure of it!) Lynch says she's "thrilled" to be working with the legendary comedian. Burnett also has moonlighted as Marcia Cross' stepmom on "Desperate Housewives" and as Helen Hunt's mom on "Mad About You."

Click it to ticket

Soundgarden fans who couldn't snag tickets to the reunited band's sold-out show Thursday at the Vic have another chance. The band, or rather a "member of the Soundgarden team," is leaving free pairs of tickets around Chicago on Thursday, according to a statement. Follow the band on Twitter ([@soundgarden](https://twitter.com/soundgarden)) and Foursquare (foursquare.com/user/soundgarden) to find out where.

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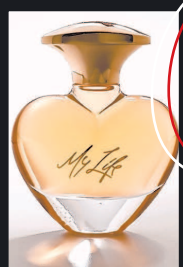


Jennifer Hudson
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TAKING MORE OFF

Jennifer Hudson has lost lots of weight, and now she's ready to lose something else. Hudson tells InStyle Makeover magazine: "I'm actually thinking about shaving my head. I am! ... My cousin's a beautician, and she always tells me, 'You could wear any hairdo.' So I'm thinking, 'What if I shave my hair?' Not completely off, but low. I think that would be so hot."

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